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## **Subpart A—General Provisions**

## § 208.1 General.

The regulations in this part govern the sale of royalty oil by the United States to eligible refiners. The regulations apply to royalty oil from leases on Federal lands onshore and on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

## § 208.2 Definitions.

Allotment means the quantity of royalty oil that DOI determines is available to each eligible refiner that has applied for a portion of the total volume of royalty oil offered in a given royalty oil sale.

Application means the formal written request to DOI on Form MMS-4070 by an eligible refiner interested in purchasing a quantity of royalty oil from the approximate volume announced by DOI in a given "Notice of Availability of Royalty Oil."

Area or Region means the geographic territory having Federal oil and gas leases over which MMS has jurisdiction, unless the context in which those words are used indicates that a different meaning is intended.

Contracting officer means the Director, his or her delegate, or the person designated under a royalty oil purchase contract.

Contracting officer's decision means an MMS order or decision that a contracting officer issues under this part to a purchaser of oil under a royalty oil purchase contract.

Delivery point means the point where the lessor, in accordance with lease

terms, directs the lessee to deliver royalty oil to a purchaser. Title to the royalty oil, or to the quantity thereof in a commingled stream, passes from the Federal Government to the purchaser at this designated point, which is specified in the royalty oil contract. For onshore leases, the delivery point will be on or adjacent to the lease, except as provided in §208.8(a) of this part. In instances where an onshore delivery point is designated for offshore royalty oil, such point generally will be the first onshore point where the price of the oil, including transportation costs, can be determined and where the purchaser can either exchange or take delivery of the oil. The Government does not guarantee physical access to the oil at such point.

Director means the Director of MMS, who is responsible for its overall direction, or his or her delegate(s).

DOI means the Department of the Interior, including the Secretary or his or her delegate(s).

Eligible refiner means a refiner of crude oil that meets the following criteria for eligibility to purchase royalty oil:

(1) For the purchase of royalty oil from onshore leases, it means a refiner that qualifies as a small and independent refiner as those terms are defined in sections 3(3) and 3(4) of the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act, 15 U.S.C. 751 et seq., except that the time period for determination contained in section 3(3)(A) would be the calendar quarter immediately preceding the date of the applicable "Notice of Availability of Royalty Oil." A refiner that, together with all persons controlled by, in control of, under common control with, or otherwise affiliated with the refiner, inputs a volume of domestic crude oil from its own production exceeding 30 percent of its total refinery input of crude oil is ineligible to participate in royalty oil sales under this part. Crude oil received in exchange for such refiner's own production is considered to be that refiner's own production for purposes of this section.

(2) For the purchase of royalty oil from leases on the OCS, it means a refiner that qualifies as a small business enterprise under the rules of the Small